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For: METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STORAGE
AREA TO VIRTUAL VOLUME

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3)
TO WITHDRAW CASE FROM ISSUE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) and request that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue so that the Applicants may file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal in order to obtain consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement, submitted herewith.

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 with the cited references. The cited references are: U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/00265558A1; and U.S. Patent No. 5,649,152.

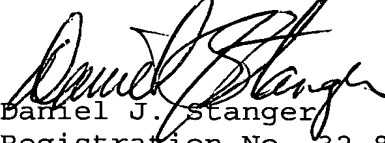
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The necessary fees for the Petition and the RCE are also enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1417 for any additional fees that are deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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